

REMARKS

Claims 1-10 are pending in this application. All of the presently pending claims find full support in disclosure of the present application and it is requested that all of the above amendments be entered of record.

All of the claims have now been listed which are pending in the application in compliance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.121. Therefore, it is submitted for the reasons stated that the present claims define patentable subject matter such that this application should now proceed towards allowance.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees

Appl. No. 10/077,886

required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

BIRCH, STEWART, KOLASCH & BIRCH, LLP

By 

\_\_\_\_\_  
Andrew D. Meikle, #32,868

ADM/bsh  
0171-0823P

P.O. Box 747  
Falls Church, VA 22040-0747  
(703) 205-8000